(b) and (c) Afforestation of quick growing species is being taken up to meet the increased demand on forest resources, including the raw material requirement for the paper industry, and about 1.76 million hectares have been planted during 1986-87. Further in order to reduce the pressure on indigenous forest resources and to enable the paper industry to meet its requirement of raw materials, the following reliefs and concessions have been extended to the industry:—

(i) Paper containing not less than 75 per cent by weight of bagasse is exempted from the whole of excise duty.

(ii) Paper mills utilising other non-conventional raw materials, such as wheat/rice straw, waste paper, etc. are charged excise duty at concessional rates.

(iii) Import of wood pulp, chips and logs and waste paper is permitted under OGL.

(iv) Import of wood pulp and chips is free of customs duty, while import of waste paper and wood logs attracts nominal customs duty.

(v) The requirement of industrial licence has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residue, waste and bagasse.

Market share for determining dominance

3332. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recommended that the market share for determining dominance should be increased from 1/3rd to 50 per cent;

(b) what is the rationale behind such a decision to dilute the concept of dominance and how will it help the industry; and

(c) whether the rate of sickness in the small industry is alarming and if so, the steps taken by Government to arrest this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per information compiled by RBI, out of 18,12,580 borrowing units in SSI sector enjoying total bank credit amounting of Rs. 8,321.04 crores as at the end of June, 1986, 1,28,687 units with outstanding bank credit of Rs. 1184.22 crores have been identified by banks as sick which constitute about 7.1 per cent. A number of measures have been taken towards rehabilitation of sick units in the small scale sector including, *inter-alia*, issue of guidelines by RBI in February, 1987 for identification of sick units; setting up of special cells by RBI/IDBI/Scheduled Commercial Banks to tackle the problems of sickness; liberalisation of margin money for rehabiitation, etc.

Comments of C.F.T.R.I. to the Punjab agro-Pepsi Cola proposal

3333. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comments of C.F.T.R.I. Mysore to the Punjab Agro-Pepsi Cola proposal; and

(b) whether C.F.T.R.I. has approved the proposal and if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) It is not the policy of the Government to disclose the comments of individual departments/ministries/agencies one proposals received for industrial approvals.

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3334. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned